

News from Public Works Board, Water Policy Board, and Municipal Wastewater Committee Meetings

- For the remainder of 2013, the Public Works Board meetings will be held at 4:00 PM to coincide with the rest of the Boards' meetings.
- The exterior of the water tank at Michigan's Adventure has been power washed.
- The old fencing at Heritage Landing was replaced with an attractive aluminum picket fence.
- An environmental review was conducted for the new MATS bus terminal.
- All overhead cranes and hoists at Wastewater sites were inspected, with follow-up required to address minor deficiencies.
- The annual fire extinguisher inspection was completed, and AED units were checked to ensure operability.
- One of the servers at Wastewater was virtualized and retired. The machine had been in operation since the fall of 2001, tallying over 100,000 hours of service.
- Work continues on the rehab of the Ruddiman sewer line, with completion expected late this summer.
- A project by the power company to replace some of their poles on the Wastewater site was recently completed.
- Replacement of the carpet in the Wastewater Administration Building was completed with a lot of reorganizing of furniture and equipment.
- The irrigation season at Wastewater began May 7, a little earlier than planned, due to the excessive amount of rain received in April. The lagoons rose a foot in just two weeks.
- The wet weather also created a challenge to get the crops planted and fertilizer applied on schedule. A late frost also damaged some of the early-planted soybeans.
- The Cell #2 sludge removal project is underway with dry sludge being taken directly to the landfill and wet sludge being pumped to the drying beds.
- Work is progressing on the flow-through marsh project on the Wastewater site after an open house and ceremonial groundbreaking were held in April.
- Some of the material excavated from the marsh project will be hauled to Solid Waste to use as cover material.
- Approximately 7 miles of shoreline along Muskegon Lake and Ruddiman and Ryerson Creeks were cleaned by more than 100 volunteers on April 28 during the 24th Annual Muskegon Lake Shoreline Earth Day Cleanup. There were 3½ tons of trash collected, along with 289 tires, and 150 native trees and shrubs were planted.
- The County is in the beginning stages of developing an anti-idling policy for all County fleet vehicles and heavy equipment.
- Household Hazardous Waste collection has another Saturday collection event scheduled for **October 12, from 9 AM - 1 PM, at the City of Muskegon DPW, 1350 E. Keating Avenue**. In addition to HHW, Goodwill Industries will be collecting electronic waste and any other household donations. Regular HHW collection hours are the second and fourth Friday of each month, May through October, from 1 - 3 PM. For more details, please check the website at www.co.muskegon.mi.us/HHW
- The Muskegon Area Medication Disposal Program has many locations for controlled and non-controlled medication drop-off, including all law enforcement offices. For more information and a list of all the regular collection sites, please check the website at www.mamdp.com
- We would like to distribute this newsletter via email whenever possible. Please forward your email addresses to burnsma@co.muskegon.mi.us to be added to the list. Thank you!

Personnel

- We recognize three service anniversaries this quarter: **Anita Friend** who marked 15 years, **Brenda Glass** who marked 20 years, and **Mark Stockwell** who marked 25 years.
- Congratulations to **Steve Robinson** who retired May 31, after 18 years of service.
- Wastewater welcomes a new Laboratory Technician, **Sean Beresford**, who started April 25, and summer Engineering Aid, **Stephen Wilkerson**.



The new aluminum picket fence being installed at Heritage Landing



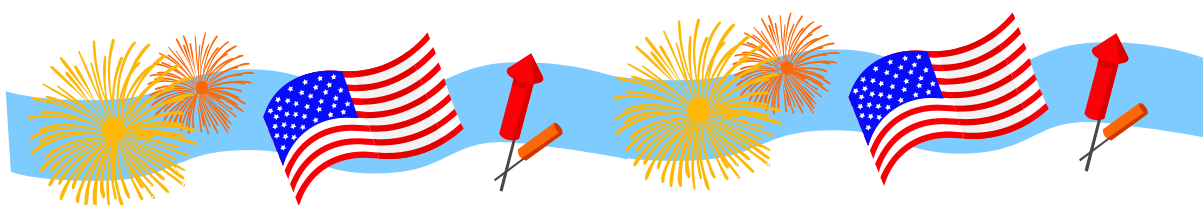
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A box culvert being installed under Swanson Road as part of the marsh project



Trash from the mouth of Ruddiman Creek



Stephen Wilkerson

Sean Beresford